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## House of Representatives

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 25, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Reverend Douglas Tanner, Faith & Politics Institute, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty God, we come before You this morning conscious of a change in the seasons. We still see around us signs of a dry summer. Trees have suffered, and some have died. Others, with deeper roots, have reached well below the surface, found water, and grown even in the drought-like conditions, like President Nelson Mandela in his prison cell. We marvel at the ways You redeem Your creation.

We know, O God, that we could experience the coming season in this institution as one of spiritual drought, with little rain falling to nurture mutual respect and appreciation for each other across ideological and party lines. We could see streams of wisdom and statesmanship disappear into a desert of superficial and self-righteous postures.

Save us, we pray, from such a season. But if we must fully enter it, deepen the roots in our souls. Nourish our awareness, Lord, of truth, beauty, compassion, and understanding, that in even such a season, we may grow toward Your light. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCHUMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3506. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Gerald R. and Betty Ford.

### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4103, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Florida submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 4103) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

#### CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 105-746)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4103) "making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do rec-

ommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

*That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, for military functions administered by the Department of Defense, and for other purposes, namely:*

#### TITLE I

##### MILITARY PERSONNEL

##### MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY

*For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Army on active duty (except members of reserve components provided for elsewhere), cadets, and aviation cadets; and for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), to section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 429(b)), and to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$20,841,687,000.*

##### MILITARY PERSONNEL, NAVY

*For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Navy on active duty (except members of the Reserve provided for elsewhere), midshipmen, and aviation cadets; and for payments pursuant to section 156 of Public Law 97-377, as amended (42 U.S.C. 402 note), to section 229(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 429(b)), and to the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund; \$16,570,754,000.*

##### MILITARY PERSONNEL, MARINE CORPS

*For pay, allowances, individual clothing, subsistence, interest on deposits, gratuities, permanent change of station travel (including all expenses thereof for organizational movements), and expenses of temporary duty travel between permanent duty stations, for members of the Marine Corps on active duty (except members of the Reserve provided for elsewhere); and for*

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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